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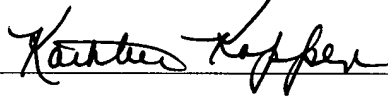
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 27, 2004, Applicant submits the following Response. If any fees are required or due for entry of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 18-1167.